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COMMUNICATION METHOD

ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement of August 13, 2002, the time set for response being September 13, 2002, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, including claims 1-6, 12-15, 17-19, and 21-52. The above election is made with traverse for the reasons set forth herein.

REMARKS

In the Official Action of August 13, 2002, the Examiner indicated that all claims (i.e., claims 1-52) were subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner restricted the claimed invention into Group I, including claims 1-6, 12-15, 17-19, and 21-52, drawn to a transmitting apparatus that identifies information received from a receiving apparatus, so as to select the communication path of a public telephone network or the Internet for image transmission, classified in Class 358, subclass 439; and Group II, including claims 7-11, 16, and 20, drawn to a receiving